

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/754,482

Applicant(s)

KUMAGAI ET AL.

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/08/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-42.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/08/04; 04/30/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

Michael V Datskovskiy
08/09/04

**MICHAEL DATSKOVSKIY
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or suggest a portable computer display comprising a housing including a top cover and a back cover and a display panel fixed to the housing by a fixing members fastened respectively by screws to a left and a right sides of the display panel, wherein an upper central edge of said display panel is sandwiched between said top and back covers in a thickness direction (claims 1-17); and furthermore said fixing members are fixed to the display panel through cushion members (claims 18-42).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Portable computer displays comprising a housing including a top cover and a back cover and a display panel sandwiched between them in a thickness direction are known in the art. See for example Kato et al (US Patent Application Publication 2003/0063230); Ueda et al (US Patent 6,611,302) or An et al (US Patent 6,392,724). Portable computer displays comprising a housing and display panel fixed to the housing by a fixing members fastened respectively by screws to a left and a right sides of the display panel, directly or through cushion members, are also known in the

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art. See for example Fujimori et al (US Patent 5,379,182) and Cummings et al (US Patent 6,233,140). However, examiner has not found any prior art teaching these two methods of assembling display panels with display housings being used both simultaneously in one structure, and does not see any particular reason to achieve that by combining any of the cited above prior art.


3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kan-o (US Patent 6,525,790); Ishihara et al (US Patent 6,064,565); Ogawa et al (US Patent 6,636,282); Won et al (US Patent 6,330,148); Nakajima et al (US Patent 6,212,067); Kim (US Patent 6,618,240); Won (US Patent 6,741,298); Sato (US Patent 6,747,713); Kim (US Patent 5,872,606); Lim et al (US Patent 6,389,643); Uchiyama et al (US Patent 6,128,183); Cho et al (US Patent 6,411,501); Kurihara et al (US Patent 5,946,061).

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2040. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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